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COUNTY TELEVISION NETWORK RECEIVES EMMY NOMINATION ***"Farming in San Diego County" Nominated for Informational/Educational Program***

County Television Network (CTN), the local government access channel of the County of San Diego, last night received an Emmy nomination for "Farming in San Diego County" in the informational/educational program category. Nominations were announced by the San Diego/ Southwestern Area chapter of the National Association of Television Arts & Sciences.

"Farming in San Diego County" is a half-hour program that examines this billion dollar industry, which is also the third largest industry in our county. The show discusses the history of farming in the region and features several local farmers, including Paul Ecke, Jr. (Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch and the Flower Fields in Carlsbad), Woody & Jane Barnes (Manzanita Ranch in Julian), Ben & Fran Hillebrecht (of Escondido), Eric Anderson (Anderson's Seed Company in Escondido), and cattle ranchers William & Betty Ann Tulloch. The program looks at the role of the Agricultural Commissioner and the County's Office of Agriculture, Weights & Measures. Local farmers' markets and the region's top crops (houseplants, avocados, fruits and nuts) are also discussed.

"This is just another example of CTN's award-winning programs, and why more and more viewers are tuning in to watch our entertaining and informative shows," said Michael Workman, director of the county department of media and public relations.

CTN staff members who contributed to the program include: Don Hickox and Andy Tolley (producers, editors and photographers); Rich Schultz and Barry Fraser (writers); and Jose Villanueva and Rob Lacher (additional camera work). The program was narrated by Doug Anderson.

The program was sponsored by KPMG, LLP, an accounting, tax and consulting firm.

The winners of the local Emmy Awards will be announced on June 17.

CTN is on Cox Cable, Channel 17; Time-Warner, Channel 22; and Daniels, Channels 51/66.

CTN's program schedule is available on the County's web site at www.co.san-diego.ca.us/ctn.

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